

A SYSTEM FOR FACILITATING THE PREPARATION OF A PATENT APPLICATION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A computer program and a computer for drafting a patent application including a template memory for storing and duplicating standard headings and paragraphs of a patent and which interacts with other memories and processors to provide a structure and process to follow in preparing a patent application. An independent claim processor **(12)** duplicates an independent claim under the heading SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION AND ADVANTAGES and edits same into a grammatically correct sentence structure. A multiple claim processor **(14)** duplicates all of the claims under the heading DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT and edits same into grammatically correct sentence structure. A reference number processor **(20)** is responsive to a Figure number memory **(18)** for searching and adding reference numerals to the element names in the order of occurrence.